



TROUTLINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

CALENDAR

January

No member Meeting

12 January

7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

February

2 February

7:30 Virtual Member Meeting

9 February

7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

March

2 March

7:30 In-Person Member Meeting

9 March

7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

April

6 April

7:00 Virtual Member Meeting

13 April

7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

The In-Person Chapter Meetings are held at:

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department:

**400 Center Street S.
Vienna, VA 22180**

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited members and friends of the chapter.

Thank you to those of you who made an end of year donation to the chapter to help support what we do.

After the pandemic and then a slow start, the chapter got rolling with our activities in 2022. There were the kids' fishing days, a Stream Girls event, Fish With A Member trips, clean ups with Friends of the Accotink, participation in the Our Military Kids events, the program with Thomas Jefferson High School for Science, an event together with the Rapidan Chapter, our work on the Conewago with the Adams County Chapter, the Trout In the Classroom program and finally, in person meetings. It was great to be able to see folks I haven't seen in a long time and meet new people.

The end of year celebration was a big success, with people attending the event at the firehouse in Vienna. There was a big turnout. We had food and raffles and auction items, there were some great deals to be had. Hopefully we'll do that every year in the future.

I was able to make several of the Fish With A Member trips and had a great time fishing, sharing stories as well as learning on each trip. There is a full schedule of trips for 2023, our Virginia trips and new trips to rivers in Maryland and Pennsylvania. I hope you take the opportunity to join us on some of them, learning new water or just getting out and fishing rivers that you know. We have several new volunteers helping George arrange and run the trips. They are doing a great job.

Several of us will be manning the TU booth at the Fly Fishing and Wine Festival on January 14th and 15th. It's always a fun time, seeing what's new from vendors, meeting outfitters and lodge owners and of course sampling wine, beer or perhaps bourbon from local wineries, breweries or distilleries. Hope some of you make it.

For any of you who don't know, there is a TU member's forum through the Trout Unlimited National website where you can post a question or comment about fishing destinations, gear or tactics questions, or even ask for advice on travel. With the thousands of TU members, someone will have been there, done that and can help with



useful information.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer with the activities as listed above or some new ones we are working on for this year. We are trying to find an appropriate place or to do tree planting this spring.

Hopefully we'll have an event at Crooked Run Fermentation in the spring, to coincide with the next release of Let It Fly Lager. Remember that TU members get a 15% discount on beer or merchandise at the brewery.

Have a Happy, Healthy New Year.

-- Tony Hill

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

In March, the chapter will hold elections during the general membership meeting. Up for reelection this cycle are all the officer positions (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) as well as four board positions: Kiki Galvin, Danial Lazenby, Steve Peters, and Jim Wilson. Additionally, the chapter will vote on new board member nominations. If you are interested in serving on the board send an email to: pres-vicepres@novatu.org.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

JANUARY SPEAKER

No membership meeting in January. Time for tying flies!

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Emerald Waters Anglers

Our February speaker will be Dave McCoy, owner of Emerald Water Anglers in Seattle, WA. Introduced to fly fishing at the ripe age of 3 by his father, Dave has dedicated his professional life to the fly fishing industry. He has spent the last 20+ years relentlessly trying to surpass expectations as a guide, outfitter owner, conservationist and fly fishing ambassador.

Dave explains that around Seattle and western Washington it is a paradise for fly anglers of all skill levels and interests. There are small streams and wild trout in the Cascade Mountains, anadromous wild steelhead in Washington's majestic coastal rivers, five species of wild salmon, warmwater pursuits, tailwater trout fisheries and even Pacific Albacore off the Washington coast. "Seasonally everything changes around here and the opportunities are so diverse, a single rod won't do it, plan on a quiver!" Dave says.

As a professional photographer, Dave displays a comprehensive and diverse portfolio at Dave McCoy Photography.

Dave is highly recommended by one of our chapter members who fished in the Seattle area during 2022, and we think he will certainly whet our appetites to travel to Seattle for some fly fishing ourselves.



FLY OF THE MONTH [FLY RECIPES AND PHOTOS BY JOHN HADLEY]

January/February: Lefty's Deceiver



January/February 2023 Fly of the Month is Lefty's Deceiver. We do not have an in-person meeting for Jan-Feb, so those who are adventurous can try their hand at tying this fly at home. Bring it to the meeting in March 2023 to show it off.

Originator:

This fly was developed by Lefty Kreh and can be tied in many different colors and sizes to represent a variety of bait fish. Tie small flies for small fish to very large flies of large fish.

Techniques and material to be learned:

- * Buck Tail Hair
- * Hackle Tail
- * Krystal Flash and/or Flashabo for flashing
- * Pearl colored cord of Flashabo for a body
- * Peacock herl or Krystal Flash for overwing
- * Red accent flash for throat
- * Eyes
- * Epoxy Head

Recipe:

Hook: #6 to 3/0

- * Thread: White 3/0 or 6/0 (can use other colors, especially for the head)
- * Tail: White hackle (4 to 8) (can use many other colors too)
- * Flash on side: Krystal Flash or Flashabo
- * Underbody: Tying thread, pearl colored cord or Flashabo
- * Wing: White bucktail on side-bottom, green bucktail on top (can use just about any color on top)
- * Over Wing: optional, a few strands of peacock herl or dark Krystal Flash
- * Throat: Red Accent Flash
- * Eyes: Painted white with black pupils, stick-on-eyes or with no eyes
- * Coat head with epoxy for durability and to seal in stick-on-eyes

Fishing Tips:

It is a streamer imitating a bait fish; cast across and downstream, retrieve quickly, slowly or with short strips to simulate an injured bait fish; whatever strikes your fancy.



Annual Activity Report

Every year the chapter reports on Activities and Volunteer Hours. In an effort to collect this information in a timely manner, we kindly request you report your participation and hours upon completion of the volunteer event. This will allow the chapter to have a more accurate accounting and not have to rely on end of year memory. You can send an email with the details of your volunteer work (Activity, Date, Location, & Hours-including travel time) to treasurer@novatu.org.

-- Scott Allen

NEW MEMBERS

| October 2022 | | November 2022 | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|
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| | | | Springfield |



Get Involved

Protect the places you're passionate about.

If you want to be a part of the multitude of activities the Chapter engages in, please reach out!

Email your interest to: contact@novatu.org // There is a place, and need, for you!

FISH WITH A MEMBER

JANUARY



Hughes - Virginia

When: January 7

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

Return: You Decide

Meet: Starbucks at Fair Lakes Shopping Center ([map](#))

The upper Hughes River involves a strenuous hike. This river is heavily fished, and the fish are picky, so fine tippets are a good idea. We will hike from Skyline Drive, so you will need a Shenandoah National Park pass or US National Parks pass.

Remember that if you are within the Park boundary and catch a brown trout you are not allowed to return it to the water. You may creel any brown trout over 7 inches; all others should be discarded away from the stream. Remember brook trout have a dark background with light spots, and it is the opposite for browns.

The brook trout spawned a few weeks ago so eggs will be in the redds. Please minimize wading and avoid these areas of cleaned gravel.

Travel light, wearing layers so you can shed them on the way out. Be sure to carry water. Try Orvis Look-up ants, #18 Adams, and olive caddis pupa imitations.

Also, consult a trail map (4 trails intersect near the Corbin Cabin) and finally note the trail intersections on the way in so you can find the way out.

In the event of adverse weather or stream conditions the destination may be changed, or the event may be cancelled. We will not cancel without first sending out a notification to all members. If in doubt, feel free to contact FWM@novatu.org.

-- George Paine



Conway — Virginia

When: Saturday, February 5

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

Return: Whenever

Meet: Starbucks at 12957 Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax, VA 22033 ([map](#))

This trip requires a vehicle with good road clearance as it entails a rough road.

Since you will be on the east slope of the mountains, the sun will dip behind the mountain by midafternoon and leave you in the shade an hour or two before it actually sets. The nicest part of the day will be late morning and the early afternoon. Ordinarily bright sun spooks the fish but brookies start moving more after the sun warms the streambed.

As usual on our mountain streams, light rods and hip boots will suffice. If you prefer waders, that's fine, and they allow you to sit on wet rocks while keeping your backside dry and free of moss. Make sure the waders do not restrict your ability to move around. I prefer waist high waders for those reasons. Since the terrain is steep, the less stuff you carry, the less fatigued you will become. A gravel road parallels the Conway for most of the stretch you will be fishing so it will be possible to return to your vehicle to warm up or have lunch.

A floating line and a leader tapered to around 5X are all you should need. Water temperature will most likely be somewhere in the thirties. The quarry is native brook trout, but there are browns in the Conway.

The little winter stoneflies could be about, and you could run into a few midges. It's a little early for the slightly larger brown stonefly. A warm day may see a few terrestrials about, but numbers will be sparse, but a black ant imitation sometimes works, possibly because trout mistake them for little black stoneflies. Most trout food will be beneath the surface. There won't be enough of it to make the fish selective, so you can have fun with your favorite underwater patterns. The colder the water, the less effort the fish will be willing to expend to strike your fly. Short line nymphing, slow and near the bottom, will most likely be the order of the day. If you are lucky enough to see a fish rise, that fish will also be unlikely to be selective. An attractor dry like a Patriot or Royal Wulff, or a #18 Adams to imitate blue winged olives should be fine. If you can't interest the fish in your fly, change it; but changing size, usually to a smaller size, may be more effective than changing patterns.

-- George Paine

Big Spring Creek—Pennsylvania

When: February 18

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

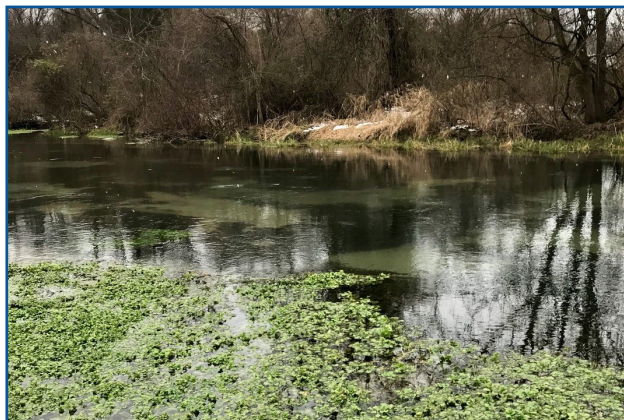
Return: You Decide

Meet: Orvis-Leesburg Parking Lot ([map](#))

Big Spring Creek, near Newville, Pennsylvania, is the planned destination. Weather may dictate some changes, so we may divert to another stream if the conditions are not favorable.

The section we will fish is located upstream of Nealy Road, where a 1.5-mile section is designated as fly fishing only. There are stocked trout in the lower sections, but most trout in the stream are wild, especially in the upper section. Rainbow and brook trout are the two species that I have observed.

Winter fishing can be slow but Big Spring Creek is a constant 56 degrees Fahrenheit with a flow rate of 22 to 25 cubic feet per second. The water is rarely cloudy, and the fish are very aware of their surroundings. Stealth is key for success any time of year.



Red worm patterns, caddis nymph patterns, rainbow warriors, scud patterns, pheasant tails as well as stone fly patterns (prince nymphs) are effective. Small flies usually produce best. Insulated waders will be warmest option. A 3 to 5 weight rod should work.

-- Matt Kozak

FWM November—Little Stony

FWM November—Conewago



The Fish with a Member outings are a great way to learn about local (Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania) fishing locations as well as meet other chapter members. Be sure to check out the schedule and block off your calendar to join in the fun.

2023 Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival Press Release

On January 14-15, 2023, the 22nd Annual Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival will draw anglers from throughout Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic, Ohio, Georgia, South Carolina, New York, and even Vermont. Held at the Meadow Event Park, just 15 miles north of Richmond on the site of the state fairgrounds, the Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival is the first event of its kind to combine fly fishing and wine tasting. Fly fishing manufacturers, lodges, guides, artists, fly tyers, wineries, and specialty food companies are among the more than 100 vendors who hail from all over the country. This year's festival sponsors include the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, Alaska Trophy Adventures Lodge, Harman's North Fork Cottages, Steam Bell Beer Works, Norvise, and Trout Unlimited.

The 2023 Virginia Fly & Wine will feature several of the industry's most prominent anglers and authors. Noted speakers and fly tyers include Tom Rosenbauer, George Daniel, Mac Brown, Tim O'Neil, Beau Beasley, Wanda Taylor, Ian and Charity Rutter, and special guest Kent Edmonds. Attendees will also enjoy hearing from popular regional guides and speakers like Colby Trow, Tom Sadler, Robert Thomas, Allen Rupp, Jim Bensinger, Matt Reilly, Gary Edwards, Matt Miles, Captain Peter Scafaru, and many others.

New this year is the Beyond the Cast Women's Fly Fishing Symposium. This specialized two day symposium will offer women only classes with some of the best instructors in the industry. While it is open to any who want to attend, the symposium will be offering Intermediate to Advanced classes specializing in topics of interest for female anglers. Beyond the Cast is limited to only 50 students.

For more information on this year's festival go to:

www.vaflyfishingfestival.org

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While at the Festival, make sure to stop by the Trout Unlimited booth and visit with members from National, Virginia Council, and your Chapter.

MEMBER PHOTO ALBUM

FWM trip to the Catoctin Creek



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